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NEW RTS SYSTEM MAKES EVERYONE MORE EFFICIENT

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Jan. 2, 2014) – The system allowing members, lobbyists and the general public to request to speak at a House or Senate committee meeting will be much improved in 2014. The improvements will make it possible for committee chairs to re-arrange agendas on the fly, and will make it easier for users to speak on bills being heard in separate committees with overlapping meeting times.

The three main improvements to the Request To Speak (In Committee) System are:

- Committee chairs will be able to easily re-arrange the order of agendas
- Users will be able to access re-ordered agendas via smartphones and other devices
- Agenda items voted on during committee will be updated in real-time

Committee chairs can easily rearrange an agenda to suit a meeting's immediate circumstances with the new RTS system. And as agenda items are heard that information will be updated in real-time allowing users to follow the committee as it works through each item on the agenda. Consequently, users who have bills being considered in two or more committees that are meeting at the same time can better gauge which committee to be at first and when to leave it for the next one.

Mike Braun and his team at the Arizona Legislative Council will hold two meeting Thursday, Jan. 9, at the House on how to use the new system. Committee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

Who: All House members, especially committee chairs, lobbyists and the general public
What: Instructions on how to use the new RTS system
Where: The House Chamber and the Gallery, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ
When: Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. and a second session at 2 p.m.
Why: Improve overall efficiency and involvement

Important to note:

- All users will have to create a new account to access the new system; old accounts will not be carried over to the new system
- Setting up a new account requires a visit to the Legislature, once setup the account will work for committee meetings scheduled in both the House and the Senate
- After the account is setup, users will be able to access it remotely in order to make a request to speak at a committee meeting

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